



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Olympia, Washington 98504

**DENTAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, February 7, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT

Padmaraj Angolkar, DDS, Vice chair
Robert Achterberg, DDS
Mark Koday, DDS
Abdul Alkezweeny, PhD, Public Member
Karen Homitz, DDS
Bernard Nelson, Public Member
Jessica Saepoff, DDS
Russell Timms, DDS
Andrew Vorono, DDS
Robert Faine, DDS
Marshall Titus, DDS

MEMBERS ABSENT

Terry Hauck, MD, DDS
Pramod Sinha, DDS
Fred Quarnstrom, DDS

STAFF PRESENT

Kirby Putscher
Allen Spaulding, Program Manager
Taylor Stair, Disciplinary Manager
Jennifer Bressi, Program Manager
Jennifer Osmun, Program Support
Geoff Hymans, Assistant Attorney General
Larry Berg, Staff Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT

Kimberly Lothyan, Everest College
Michele O'Neill, Everest College
Walter Leathers, Apollo College
Colleen Gaylord RDH, WSDHA
Ona Canfield, SCCC, DHY
Rosie Bellett, Shoreline Community College
David Hemion, WSDA
Charles Weber DMD, WSSOMS
Joan Martin, WSDAA
Ross Beirne, DAC Member
Melissa Johnson, WSDHA, Willamette
Dental
Michael Werner, WSSOMS
Bracken Killpack, WSDA
Charlene Meagner, WSDHA
Peter Hartz, WSSOMS
Bill Hooe, DDS
Jessica Lee, WSSOMS
Colleen Madden, Protem Public Member
Mary Jennings DDS, WSSDA
Angie Anderson, Assistant IV Tech
Manuel La Rosa, WSDA

OPEN SESSION – 5:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER – Padmaraj Angolkar, DDS, Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m.

- 1.1. Audience members introduced themselves.
- 1.2. The Agenda was approved without additions.
- 1.3. December 13, 2007 Business Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.
- 1.4. December 14, 2007 Panel C Minutes were approved as presented.
- 1.5. January 16, 2008 Hearing Minutes were approved as presented.

2. PROGRAM REPORT

- 2.1. Allen Spaulding provided the January, 2008 interim operating budget report and clarified direct charges under grants and subsidies to be the money encumbered for the Washing Physicians Health Program (WPHP).
- 2.2. Taylor Stair shared survey findings and discussed the Three Panel Disciplinary Process with the commission. Ms. Stairs' report included statistical data, areas of concern, and potential solutions. The commission agreed with her proposal to extend the project for 6 months.
- 2.3. Jennifer Osmun offered to answer any questions regarding hotel arrangements for the commission members and reminded them that she is the point of contact for any commission business travel.
- 2.4. 2008 Proposed Legislation – Allen gave a brief summary regarding bills affecting the dental profession. Dr. Koday and Dr. Quarnstrom have been participating in “meet me” calls for legislative updates between 8:30 and 9:00am Tuesday mornings.
 - HB 2816 – would establish authority to create rules regarding permissible health care device/procedures,
 - HB 3088 would exempt dental assistants students from registration requirements while practicing in an approved school programs,
 - HB 2748 would expand the DQAC by 3 dentists and 1 public member.
 - HB 2881 modifies the qualifications of licensure without examination. New requirements would include minimum 5 years practice in another state and a 1 year approved residency.
- 2.5. Allen Spaulding suggested that in addition to having a written version, the Jurisprudence Exam could be made available on the internet. Mr. Spaulding volunteered to lead the project. The commission approved, agreeing that having an online version of the exam would increase access to the licensing materials and may speed up the licensing process.

3. RULE MAKING – Status of Ongoing Rulemaking Projects

- 3.1. Allen Spaulding reported that the License Related Rules (100 series) & SHB 1689 – PGY-1 Dental Residency Pilot are moving forward, internal reviewers recommended the

proposed rules be rolled into one rule package. Mr. Spaulding will have the rules packet ready for review at the next commission meeting on March 20, 2008.

- 3.2. The Dental Anesthesia Committee Rules Workshop, scheduled for February 15, 2008 was questioned by several audience and commission members who would not be available. The DQAC asked Mr. Spaulding to poll interested parties and either re-schedule or consider offering another workshop opportunity. Commission members were asked to check their calendars and get back to Allen with available dates.
- 3.3. SHB 1099 – Regulation of Dental Assistants and EFDA rules were accepted with changes to WAC 246-817-195(4) and the delegated task lists.
 - 3.3.1. Dr. Homitz reported on sub committee progress.
 - 3.3.2. Ms. Bressi explained her timeline for the submitting rule package. Rule language would need to be agreed upon at this meeting to move through internal processes in time for projected hearing date.
 - 3.3.3. Amendments to the delegated task list include changes to WAC's 246-817-520(18), 246-817-540(20)(21), the striking of WAC's 246-817-520(30), 246-817-525(1)(w), 246-817-540 (4)(a)(i)(ii)(iii), 246-817-545(3), and the addition of WAC 246-817-540(23), to be written by Ms. Bressi and Dr. Homitz.
 - 3.3.4. The commission approved WREB for clinical exam.
 - 3.3.5. The commission approved DANB for written exam.
 - 3.3.6. Dr. Koday presented an idea for an alternative EFDA curriculum for dental assistants in rural areas, alternating computer courses with work in the training center, lab sessions, clinical restorative experience, and completing requirements with the WREB restorative exam.

4. ASSOCIATION / BOARDS / OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

- 4.1. A January 7, 2008 letter from the Dental Organization for Conscious Sedation, regarding regulatory issues in minimal and moderate enternal sedation, in light of the newly adopted ADA sedation guidelines, was shared. Dr. Quarnstrom also provided a letter outlining his concerns.
- 4.2. A letter from the Montana Board of Dentistry requesting a response in regards to Washington State Denturist rules was provided for commission review. The letter was forwarded to Vicki Brown, Denturist Program Manager, for response.
- 4.3. American Dental Association (ADA) sent a letter dated December 5, 2007 explaining an unauthorized use of the ADA Anesthesia Guidelines Documents. The ADA sent the Dental Organization for Conscious Sedation (DOCS) a written request to cease the unauthorized use of the ADA's copyrighted material.
- 4.4. American Association of Dental Examiners, Advocacy Relations Manual updates are available to the commission upon their request.
- 4.5. A memo dated January 4, 2008, from the ADA, advised of resolutions adopted by the 2007 House of Delegates on policies and issues related to dental education and licensure. Resolution 1H-2007 adopts a definition of the curriculum integrated format that is used in some clinical licensing examinations.

5. REGIONAL BOARD UPDATES:

- 5.1. A letter dated January 7, 2008 was shared from the Western Regional Exam Board (WREB) updating the commission on a recent meeting discussing comparisons of the various regional examinations.
A January 10, 2008 letter provided the commission with the minutes from the January 2008 WREB Board of Directors meeting. Dr. Titus reported on the Curriculum Integrated Patient Crown Preparation Committee, at the time they had completed two field tests with a third scheduled for Jan 25, 2008. They have had resistance from the schools and have been unable to get cooperation from other schools to host the field test. New examiners include Drs. Faine and Quarnstrom.
- 5.2. Dr. Timms reported on the Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS) Meeting in Kansas City.

6. OTHER REPORTS

- 6.1. Geoff Hymans, AAG was available for questions regarding his analysis of current licensing authority and rules. The DQAC did not have questions for Mr. Hymans at this time.
Dr. Timms reported on the findings of the Digital Records & Investigation Timelines sub-committee. Taylor Stair was able to convert several records into digital format within a short time with little staff assistance. The committee asked the full commission to evaluate samples of the records for quality and report their findings. Dr. Timms shared a new agreement between DOH and Attorney Generals' Office - it is not necessary to require personal service or certified mail when respondent fails to provide records when normal procedures have been followed. Allen reported on HB 1103 which, if passed, would establish fining authority in the UDA (RCW 18.130), Allen will monitor status of bill and report back (bills introduced with similar effect include SB 6485 and HB 2883, which was proposed by Governor). Allen agreed to collect examples from other professional authorities with similar existing rules and provide the examples for the sub-committees review.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- 7.1. A letter from Rhys Spoor, DDS, regarding continuing education (CE) courses in aesthetic dentistry was provided. The request to continue allowing out of state dentists to take their "hands on" CE courses was approved by the commission.
- 7.2. A January 4, 2008 email from the American Dental Association announcing Norway's ban on dental amalgam was discussed. Current legislature, SB6502 proposes that if an alternate to amalgam is available, the alternative to amalgam composites must be used.

The listed items were provided to the Commission members by email, no commission action was taken.

- 7.3. Star Tribune.com article – Jury awards \$130 million to group of Twin Cities dentists.
- 7.4. Chicago Tribune article – Students, faculty mourn principal.

7.5. Daily Olympian article – Expanded free dental clinic.

7.6. Citizens Advocacy Center Newsletter.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION – No executive session was held

BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Allen Spaulding, Program Manager

Commission Approval By:

Padmaraj Angolkar, DDS, Vice Chair

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Go to second traffic light and turn left on Capitol Boulevard.
Move to right lane, turn right on Israel Road.
After the US Postal Office, Point Plaza East will be on your left. Our main entrance and visitor parking is on the backside of the building.

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